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SITREP THREE

DEPT DISSEMINATE OTHER ADDEES AS DESIRED

1. AT 2130Z JULY 20 THESSALONIKI, ALTHOUGH NO RPT NO BLACKOUT IMPOSED, PRESENTED ASPECT OF VIRTUALLY DESERTED CITY, WITH LITTLE TRAFFIC ON STREETS, FEW STROLLERS, MOST RESTAURANTS CLOSED.

2. SINCE LAST SITREP (REF 1) LST 157 AND ONE SMALLER LANDING CRAFT (LSM?) HAVE DEPARTED. MORE THAN FIFTY TWO AND A HALF
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TON TRUCKS AND JEEPS WITH TRAILERS PARKED NEAR ALATINI

LANDING, APPARENTLY AWAITING ONLOAD OTHER CRAFT YET TO ARRIVE.

3. WE INFORMED BY US MILITARY SOURCE ATTACHED LANDSOUTHEAST CP HERE THAT "C" CORPS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO KAVALLA THIS EVENING.

4. ANATOLIA COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR (GREEK) HAS TOLD US THAT AT APPRX 1900Z THIS EVENING TWO GREEK ARMY MEDICAL CORPS COLONELS VISITED HIM TO ADVISE THEIR INTENTION TAKE OVER "VERY SOON, MAYBE TOMORROW" DORMITORIES AND OTHER MAJOR BUILDINGS AT ANATOLIA TO ESTABLISH MILITARY HOSPITAL.

5. FOR FIRST TIME IN LAST EIGHTEEN HOURS, SOUND OF JET AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM THESSALONIKI AIRPORT HEARD AT 2210Z JULY 21, BUT UNABLE DETERMINE WHETHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY.

6. COMMENT: PERHAPS INFLUENCED BY AIR HEAVY FOREBODING HERE, BUT MORE BY SPECIFIC EVENTS ABOVE AND OBSERVATIONS THROUGHOUT DAY, WE SENSE GREEK ACTION IN NORTH MAY BE IMMINENT UNLESS CHECKED BY EARLY, VIGOROUS EXTERNAL PRESSURE.
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